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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY, FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:PROPOSED USIS SEMINAR ON US POLICY FOR SOUTH
AFRICA

1. WE UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF USIA INTEREST
IN USIS SOUTH AFRICA'S PROPOSAL FOR A MAJOR FOREIGN
POLICY SEMINAR ON US POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA. USIS
HAS SUGGESTED THAT SEMINAR, WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE IN
CAPE TOWN BEFORE THE END OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SESSION,
FEATURE AN "ELECTRONIC DIALOGUE" WITH VICE PRESIDENT
MONDALE.

2. USIA HAS ASKED FOR DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON TIMING
OF SEMINAR AND INVOLVEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT. BEFORE
WE RESPOND, WE WOULD LIKE YOUR COMMENTS (WE UNDERSTAND
YOU HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PROPOSED TIMING).
OUR INITIAL REACTION TO IDEA OF VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTICI-
PATION IS THAT YET ANOTHER PROMINENT INVOLVEMENT BY HIM
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IN EXPLAINING OUR SOUTH AFRICAN POLICY COULD TEND TO
HAVE IT BECOME IDENTIFIED AS "THE MONDALE POLICY."
NONETHELESS, WE HAVE COME TO NO CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE
PROPOSAL AND WILL NOT DO SO UNTIL WE HAVE HEARD FROM
YOU.

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